

MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
January 14, 2013,

The Middletown Town Council Meeting was held in the Council Chamber, 7875 Church Street, Middletown, VA on Monday January 14, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

Town Council Present

Mayor Charles Harbaugh, IV
Councilor John Copeland
Councilor Trip Chewning
Councilor Mary Shull
Councilor Tom Simon
Councilor Carole Snyder

Town Council Absent

Councilor Donna Gray

Staff Present

Rebecca L. Layman, Municipal Clerk
Donald Riffey, Maintenance Departments
Chief of Police Phil Breeden

Town Attorney

1. Call to Order

Mayor Harbaugh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Moment of Silence

Mayor Harbaugh called for a moment of silence.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Harbaugh led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Roll Call

All Councilors were present with the exception of Councilor Gray.

5. Set Agenda.

Councilor Copeland made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilor Shull seconded the motion. All Councilors were in favor and the agenda was approved.

6. Citizen Comments.

Robbie Molden 230 Independence Lane Middletown, VA 22645, Mr. Molden stated that he would like to speak about the land across I-81 and the boundary line adjustment, and that he owns a portion of this land. Mr. Molden stated that 80% of the land across I-81 is zoned RA and 20% is zoned B-2 this land has been zoned this way for more than 30 years. Frederick County will not down zone this land across I-81 and Frederick County has already approved this land for the technology part and it is in their Comprehensive Plan for future development. Mr. Molden stated that he hopes that the new Planning Committee can get this boundary line adjustment done so that he can join this Council, and he feels it is far overdue. Mr. Molden stated that he has attended many of the Planning Commission meetings as well as many of the Council meetings. Mr. Molden has watched things get tabled, put off and got talked about, but never finished. Mr. Molden stated that 3 people walked away from the Planning Commission, and sometimes you get bogged down with details its best to make a decision, amend later if you have to, but move forward with decisions. Mr. Molden is hoping for a full Planning Commission that gets things done. It

would be nice to think that Middletown one day would have the extra revenue to maybe help the Wayside Theatre or possibly buy the Wayside Inn and paint it white again.

7. Approval of Previous Council Meeting Minutes

Councilor Copeland made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2012 Town Council meeting. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. All Councilors were in favor and the minutes were approved.

8. Report of the Facilities Committee

No Report.

9. Report of the Personnel and Finance Committee

Councilor Chewning gave the Treasurer's report. Councilor Chewning stated he had good news to report for the first 6 months of the fiscal year that we are in now the Town finished in the black by about \$32,000. Councilor Chewning made a motion to approve the bills that were paid in December. Councilor Chewning stated that one of the Town Police cars was involved in an accident with a deer and the repairs were covered by the insurance company. Councilor Copeland seconded the motion for paying the bills in the month of December. All Councilor's were in favor of the motion.

Councilor Snyder made a motion to appoint John Copeland to the position of Vice Mayor. Councilor Simon seconded the motion. Mayor Harbaugh asked for a roll call vote.

Councilor Snyder – Yes	Councilor Simon – Yes
Councilor Chewning – Yes	Councilor Shull – Yes
Councilor Copeland – Yes	

Motion carried 5-0

10. Report of the Public Works Committee

Councilor Simon reported that the work continues on the water line on Church Street. Councilor Simon also reported that the heavier chain for the bio-wheels did come and there was no cost to the Town. Councilor Copeland stated hats off to Donald, because of the difficult time that Donald had in getting the chain.

11. Report of Public Safety Committee

Report of the Police Department was given by Chief Breeden.

12. Report of the Ordinance Committee

No report at this time.

13. Report of the Planning and Zoning Committee

Councilor Copeland stated that there were four applications for the Planning Commission.

Councilor Snyder made a motion to approve Mark Davis's application to be a member of the Town of Middletown's Planning Commission. Councilor Chewning seconded the motion. Mayor Harbaugh asked for a roll call vote.

Councilor Snyder – Yes	Councilor Simon – Yes
Councilor Chewning – Yes	Councilor Shull – Yes
Councilor Copeland – Yes	

Motion carried 5-0

Councilor Copeland made a motion to approve John Blaisdell's application to be a member of the Town of Middletown's Planning Commission. Councilor Shull seconded the motion. Mayor Harbaugh asked for a roll a call vote.

Councilor Snyder – Yes	Councilor Simon – Yes
Councilor Chewning – Yes	Councilor Shull – Yes
Councilor Copeland – Yes	

Motion carried 5-0

Councilor Copeland made a motion to approve Gilbert Barrington's application to be a member of the Town of Middletown's Planning Commission. Councilor Chewning seconded the motion. Mayor Harbaugh asked for a roll call vote.

Councilor Snyder – Yes	Councilor Simon – Yes
Councilor Chewning – Yes	Councilor Shull – Yes
Councilor Copeland – Yes	

Motion carried 5-0

Councilor Snyder made a motion to approve Fred Wharton's application to be a member of the Town of Middletown's Planning Commission. Councilor Chewning seconded the motion. Mayor Harbaugh asked for a roll call vote.

Councilor Snyder – Yes	Councilor Simon – Yes
Councilor Chewning – Yes	Councilor Shull – Yes
Councilor Copeland – Yes	

Motion carried 5-0

Mark Davis stated that he was serving as the liaison for the Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission, and would be willing to continue with that role if Council would allow for this. Councilor Copeland made a motion to the Council to extend Mr. Davis's appointment to the NSVRC. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. All Councilors were in favor of the motion.

14. Report of Special Committees

Mayor Harbaugh asked that everyone try to help the Wayside Theatre in any way that they can and that would be great.

15. New or Unfinished Business

Next Committee Meeting will be January 22, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m.

Next Work Session Meeting will be February 4, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m.

16. Petitions and Communication

Mayor Harbaugh had a letter of resignation from the Planning Commission Chairman Walter McCauley.

Councilor Copeland made a motion to accept Walter McCauley's resignation as the Chairman of the Town of Middletown's Planning Commission. Councilor Chewning seconded the motion. Mayor Harbaugh asked for a roll call vote.

Councilor Snyder – Yes
Councilor Chewning – Yes
Councilor Copeland – Yes

Councilor Simon – Yes
Councilor Shull – Yes

Motion carried 5-0

Mayor Harbaugh announced the new Committee Chairman Assignments and they are as follows:

Mayor Harbaugh – Special Committee
Trip Chewning – Personnel and Finance
John Copeland – Planning and Zoning
Donna Gray – Ordinance
Mary Shull – Facilities
Tom Simon – Public Works
Carole Snyder – Public Safety

17. Adjournment

Mayor Harbaugh adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Charles H. Harbaugh IV, Mayor

Rebecca L. Layman
Town Clerk